the matter is pending in the Supreme Court and is, therefore *sub-judice*.

Financing of Fishing Industry

2382. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SCICI has financed the fishing industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the firms are unable to meet their dues;

(c) whether in view of depression in the industry all over the country, Government will ensure that small entrepreneurs are not harassed; and

(d) if not, what measures are being taken to revive the sick fishing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Limited (SCCI) has undertaken financing of deep sea fishing trawler companies.

(b) to (d) SCICI has reported that whilst deep sea fishing companies assisted by it are by and large remitting their dues as per schedule, many of the companies assisted by erstwhile Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC) are defaulting in repayment of principal as well as interest instalments. SCICI has undertaken examination of reschedulement proposals from defaulting deep sea fishing companies. The cases are being dealt with on merits and on a case by case basis with a view to assisting viable companies to overcome their difficulties and to meet their obligations regularly.

Andhra Pradesh Government's Request for Printing of Stamps for Advocates Welfare Fund

2383. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Government of India to get the stamps intended for Advocates' Welfare Fund printed at the Nasik Press; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for rejecting the request of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both India Security Press, Nasik Road and Security Printing Press, Hyderabad are presently having no spare capacity. Accepting any additional load is, therefore, not possible without adversely affecting the existing work load.

Compensation to Victims of Industrial Accidents

2384. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many people residing outside industrial plants engaged in hazardous chemical processes who become victims of industrial accidents are unable to get immediate compensation from any source;

(b) whether Government propose to make some arrangements to provide immediate relief to such victims; and

(c) if so, whether there is any move to collect industrial disaster relief fund from the industrialists who instal such plants at the time of granting licences to them?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The question of introduction of Mandatory Public Liability Insurance for ensuring immediate payment of an amount to the